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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN REPROCESSING

1. IN RESPONSE TO FRENCH REQUEST, WE HAVE PREPARED A LIST
OF ITEMS WHICH CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE JACOMET PLANS
TO OFFER THE PAKISTANIS. WHEN PRESENTING THE LIST TO THE
FRENCH, YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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-- WE STILL BELIEVE THE PAKISTANIS WILL NOT GIVE UP THE
PLANT ON THEIR OWN. THE INITIATIVE MUST COME FROM THE
FRENCH.

-- WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT FRANCE WILL NOT GO AHEAD WITH THE
REPROCESSING PLANT AND HOPE PARIS WILL INFORM THE PAKIS-

TANIS OF ITS DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PAKISTANI CONCERNS ABOUT AFGHAN DEVELOPMENTS MAKE IT EVEN MORE ESSENTIAL THAT WE BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TANGIBLE REASSURANCES WHICH WE CANNOT DO UNTIL THE REPROCESSING ISSUE IS SETTLED.

-- GOF SHOULD KNOW THAT IF PAKISTAN ATTEMPTS TO PROCEED WITH PLANT ON ITS OWN, IT WOULD JEOPARDIZE US/PAKISTANI COOPERATION GENERALLY AND THE ITEMS IN THE PACKAGE SPECIFICALLY. WE WILL SO INFORM THE PAKISTANIS, ONCE THEY KNOW OF THE FRENCH DECISION.

-- WE AGREE WITH THE GOF ON THE VALUE OF KEEPING THE IRANISANS FULLY INFORMED AS WE PROCEED.

-- IF PAKISTAN DECIDES TO ACQUIRE FRENCH ARMS, WE REMAIN WILLING TO ENCOURAGE IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND THE GULF STATES TO FINANCE THE SALE OF DEFENSIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM FRANCE. NONETHELESS, PAKISTAN HAS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN F-5E AIRCRAFT AND A LIMITED HAWK SAM SYSTEM. GOF SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT IF PAKISTAN FORMALLY AND ACTIVELY PURSUES ITS INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THESE US SYSTEMS, WE WILL GIVE THEIR REQUESTS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. WE WILL KEEP GOF FULLY INFORMED OF OUR INTENTIONS IN THIS AREA.

-- THE FRENCH SHOULD KNOW THAT THE FOLLOWING LIST IS NOT SECRET

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COMPREHENSIVE. WE ARE WORKING ON ADDITIONAL ITEMS WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON PAKISTAN, BUT FINAL DECISIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE. WE WILL KEEP THE FRENCH INFORMED AS ITEMS ARE ADDED, BUT STRONGLY BELIEVE THE FACT THAT THE PACKAGE MAY BE ENLARGED SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A REASON TO DELAY INFORMING THE PAKISTANIS OF THE FRENCH DECISION. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHAT ITEMS FRANCE AND IRAN PROPOSE TO INCLUDE IN THE PACKAGE.

2. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF ITEMS WHICH CAN BE INCLUDED IN QUOTE INDUCEMENTS UNQUOTE PACKAGE:

-- THE US INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATIONAL TRAINING (IMET) PROGRAM FOR PAKISTAN WILL BE CONTINUED. (UNDER THIS PROGRAM, THE US GRANTS PAKISTAN APPROXIMATELY \$600 THOUSAND PER YEAR FOR MILITARY TRAINING IN THE US).

-- THE US IS PREPARED TO RESUME THE MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WITH PAKISTAN WHICH WAS INSTITUTED WHEN THE ARMS EMBARGO WAS LIFTED IN 1975, AS MODIFIED BY THE PRESIDENT'S ARMS SALE POLICY. THE LATTER, INTER ALIA, NOTES WE WILL NOT BE THE FIRST TO INTRODUCE A NEW LEVEL OF WEAPONS

SOPHISTICATION INTO ANY REGION.

-- THE US WOULD AGREE TO SELL 64 155 MM HOWITZERS IN WHICH THE GOP HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST.

-- THE US WOULD BE WILLING TO SELL ADDITIONAL GEARING CLASS DESTROYERS AND A DESTROYER TENDER, AS REQUESTED BY PAKISTAN. PAKISTAN SHOULD KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THERE COULD BE SOME DELAY BEFORE THE GEARINGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER FROM USN INVENTORY.

-- SOME FMS CREDITS MAY BE AVAILABLE AND WE HAVE THIS QUESTION UNDER STUDY.

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-- \$44 MILLION WORTH OF FY-77 AID PROJECTS CAN BE IMMEDIATELY SIGNED WITH THE GOP.

-- \$23 MILLION WORTH OF FY-78 AID PROGRAMS COULD BE SIGNED IF THE REPROCESSING ISSUE WERE RESOLVED IMMEDIATELY. THE POSSIBILITY THESE FUNDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE CONTINUALLY DECREASES AS THE END OF THE US FY, SEPTEMBER 30, APPROACHES. (FYI ALTHOUGH WE COULD CARRY FY-77 FUNDS OVER INTO SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS, THE LEGISLATION WAS LATER CHANGED AND DOES NOT NOW ALLOW CARRY-OVER OF AID FUNDS. END FYI)

-- AT LEAST \$52.3 MILLION WORTH OF PL-480 ASSISTANCE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE IN FY-79.

3. IN MENTIONING FOREGOING, IT IS NECESSARY TO ADD THAT FINAL DECISION ON SPECIFIC US MILITARY ITEMS WILL HAVE TO BE GUIDED BY PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF LAW AND POLICY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH MATTERS AS OVERALL ARMS CEILING AND HUMAN RIGHTS. VANCE

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